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"TREATMENT OF HYPERPROLIFERATIVE DISEASES USING ACTIVE VITAMIN D ANALOGUES"

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete paragraph 1, and replace it with the following paragraph:

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[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 09/891,814 filed June 26, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 09/596,149, filed February 23, 1998, which is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 08/781,910, filed December 30, 1996, now U.S. Patent 5,763,429, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 2 and 9.

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